

House Resolution No.

Whereas, as the 2006-2007 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Van-Far R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty in May 2007, with the retirement of Ruth Calcaterra who has devoted numerous years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Ruth Calcaterra has taught elementary and junior high school music for twenty-two years at Van-Far R-I, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Ruth Calcaterra taught at North Wayne Community Unit School District No. 200 in Cisne, Illinois, for eight years prior to assuming her responsibilities at Van-Far R-I; and

Whereas, Ruth Calcaterra has supported her profession by being a member of the Missouri Music Educators Association and the Van-Far Teachers Association; and

Whereas, Ruth Calcaterra has also enjoyed recognition by serving as a 4-H Leader and Judge, Director of the St. Cecilia Music Club, and Director of the First Presbyterian Church Choir; and by being a member of PEO International, the Vandalia Area Arts Alliance, and the First Presbyterian Church of Vandalia and its Hand Bell Choir; and

Whereas, Ruth Calcaterra has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Dennis Calcaterra; one daughter, Kathryn Calcaterra; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noel P. Lane:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Van-Far R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Ruth Calcaterra has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ruth Calcaterra, as a measure of the high esteem in which he hold her.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker